

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION**

JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JON ELLINGSON**, on December 13, 2005
at 2:25P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Ellingson, Chairman (D)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Members Present:

Rep. John Parker (D) Chair
Rep. Pat Wagman
Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Roy Brown
Rep. Dave Gallick
Rep. William 'Bill' Glaser (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Dennis Kimmelberger (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R) Vice-Chair
Rep. Monica J. Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Mark Noennig
Rep. Dave Wanzienried (D) Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Greg Petesch, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

00:28:11

CHAIRMAN JON ELLINGSON called the meeting to order to consider proposed changes to the Joint Rules.

00:28:58

Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, explained the proposed changes to the Joint Rules.

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00:34:32

Questions from the Committee

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT questioned **Mr. Petesch** about allowing two days instead of one for introducing a bill. **Mr. Petesch** and **CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON** replied.

SEN. GEBHARDT expressed concern about no transmittal deadline.

SEN. ELLINGSON asked if there is a requirement for transmission if a bill passes one of the Houses and referred the question to **Mr. Petesch**.

SEN. GEBHARDT continued to question **Mr. Petesch** about transmission.

00:37:53

Motion: **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** moved to PREPARE A MOTION TO PROPOSE TO SUSPEND THE JOINT RULES AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT 1.

Discussion:

SEN. COCCHIARELLA made a comment about long hours of debate.

SEN. STORY expressed concern about not having a form of the bill on Second Reading. **CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON** replied.

SEN. COREY STAPLETON inquired about precedent and expressed concern. **Mr. Petesch** replied.

CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON asked about the impact of not suspending 40-140. **SEN. STAPLETON** asked about fiscal notes. **Mr. Petesch** addressed the questions.

CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON asked about not suspending 40-140 and **Mr. Petesch** answered.

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON made a substitute motion TO STRIKE SUBSECTIONS (2) AND (3) OF 40-140 AND LEAVE SECTION(1) INTACT.

SEN. MCGEE referred to a previous special session and expressed concern about checking every bill before adjourning.

SEN. COCCHIARELLA asked the substitute motion, and **CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON** replied.

REP. DAVE WANZENREID asked a question of **Mr. Petesch** about the length of pre-introduced bills, and he replied.

REP. NOENNIG asked questions in order to clarify the motion.

Vote: MOTION TO PREPARE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE JOINT RULES BE SUSPENDED FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT 1 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHANGES TO JOINT RULE 40-140 WHICH WOULD RETAIN SUBSECTION (1) CARRIED 12-2 WITH SEN. COCCHIARELLA and SEN. GILLAN voting no.

Vote: MOTION TO PREPARE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE JOINT RULES BE SUSPENDED FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AS REFLECTED IN EXHIBIT 1 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHANGES TO JOINT RULE 40-140 WHICH WOULD RETAIN SUBSECTION (1) CARRIED 9-5 WITH REP. WANZENREID, REP. BARRETT, REP. GALLIK, REP. GOLLIE, REP. HARRIS voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:47 P.M.

SEN. JON ELLINGSON, Chairman

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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